

Orford Thematic Curriculum - Year 1/2

Year 1/2 Cycle A - 2025-2026	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Overall Theme	Once Upon a Time Have you been on a journey?	Dinosaur Roar Where did the dinosaurs live? Could the dinosaurs survive now? Where did all the dinosaurs go?	Kapow!!! Can you take me on a journey and not get us lost?
Science	Everyday Materials	Plants - Animals Life Cycles Animals including humans (Dinosaurs and life cycles)	Animals including humans Senses - Our Body
	Seasons		
History/Geography	Journeys School Grounds	Where did Dinosaurs live?	Take me on a journey Mapping Keys

Year 1/2 Cycle B	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Overall Theme	Aliens on Tour What would aliens find fascinating about Planet Earth? Have you been on a journey? What sustains life on earth?	Significant People What makes someone significant? Who is significant to you? What do you want to achieve in the future?	Fire! Fire!; Changes within Living Memory Were there more fires in the past or now? Is fire good or bad?
Science	Plants Living things and their habitats	Animals including humans Uses of Everyday Materials	Working Scientifically Materials
History/Geography	The World Around Us Where in the world do we live?	Significant People What makes us significant?	Changes Within Living Memory Have we changed over time?

Orford Thematic Curriculum - Year 3/4

Year 3/4 Cycle A 2025-2026	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Overall Theme	The Age of Exploration Where did the great journeys take place and what was their impact?	Captivating Coasts How do humans impact the water cycle?	Stone Age to Iron Age
Science	Light	Rocks States of Matter	Sound Electricity
History/Geography	The Age of Exploration; Historical Detectives	Coastlines and Water	India and the Indus Valley Stone Age to Iron Age

Year 3/4 Cycle B	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Overall Theme	Tomb Raider Why was the River Nile so important to the Ancient Egyptians?	Super Suffolk/ Anglo Saxons What is my local area like?	Rotten Romans Did the Romans really rule the world?
Science	Animals including Humans (Y3) Animals including Humans (Y4)	Plants Living Things	Forces & Magnets
History/Geography	Ancient Egypt and Rivers	Our Locality and Mapping	The Roman Empire and Settlement

Orford Thematic Curriculum - Year 5/6

Year 5/6 Cycle A	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Overall Theme	Space Travel Through the Ages Who was the 'greatest' space traveller?	A Tale of Cities: Vicious Vikings How do cities grow & change?	Groovy Greeks What did the Ancient Greeks bring us?
Science	Earth and Space (Y5) Sun, Earth and Moon: What is moving? What makes our solar system so special? Forces (Y5) How do things move?	Living Things and their Habitats (Y5) Do all life cycles look the same? What do eggs become? Animals including Humans (Y5) How do our bodies change as we get older?	Properties and Changes of Materials How are new materials made? Can we change materials? (Y5)
History/Geography	Space Travel Through the Ages Mapping/Locality/Changes Beyond Living Memory/ Sources/Key historical Figures	How do cities grow & change? Physical & Human Features Knowledge of local, British & World History	Groovy Greeks What did the Ancient Greeks bring us? Mapping/Chronology/Sources/Key Events/Legacy

Year 5/6 Cycle B	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Overall Theme	World War 2	Our Precious Planet Why is our planet precious?	Chocolate Box - Mayan Civilization Why should we remember the Mayans?
Science	Light (Y6) How do we see? How do submarines see? Electricity (Y6) Can we vary the effects of electricity? How can you become a bright spark?	Living Things and their Habitats (Y6) What is the same and what is different? Part 2 Where do we fit in? Animals including Humans (Y6) How do our choices affect how our bodies work? How do I know what is good for me?	Change and inheritance (Y6) How do living things change over time and place? How did we become what we are?
History/Geography	What were the headline stories of the 20th century? Ordnance Survey Maps/Coordinates/Grids/Scale /Changes Beyond Living Memory/ Sources/Key historical Figures	Why is our planet precious? Fieldwork/Human & Physical features/ Data Collection/Significant Events & People/Chronology	Why should we remember the Mayans? Local, British & World History/Settlements Mapping/Chronology/Sources/Key Events/Legacy